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| CIT Name | January 2026 Postage Rate Changes |

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Description

Purpose

The purpose of this CIT is to provide all California counties with updated postage rate information to facilitate client correspondence postage cost management.

Background

The United States Postal Service (USPS) periodically updates postage rates for domestic mail pieces. The most recent rate change was on July 13, 2025. The next rate change is scheduled for January 18, 2026. Planned rates for frequently used weights are shown in the table below. The rates for other weights may be found on the USPS website. USPS notification of rate changes effective 1/18/26. The rates for other weights may be found on the USPS website. [USPS notification of rate changes effective 1/18/2026](#)

| Description | Effective 07/13/25 | Proposed 01/18/26 |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Standard Mail | Automation | Automation |
| 1 oz. – 3.5 oz. | \$0.641 | \$0.641 |
| Flat Mail | Automation* | Automation* |
| 3 oz. Flat Mail | \$1.775 or \$2.028 | \$1.775 or \$2.028 |
| 4 oz. Flat Mail | \$2.045 or \$2.298 | \$2.045 or \$2.298 |
| 5 oz. Flat Mail | \$2.325 or \$2.578 | \$2.325 or \$2.578 |
| 6 oz. Flat Mail | \$2.605 or \$2.858 | \$2.605 or \$2.858 |
| 7 oz. Flat Mail | \$2.885 or \$3.138 | \$2.885 or \$3.138 |
| 8 oz. Flat Mail | \$3.165 or \$3.418 | \$3.165 or \$3.418 |
| 9 oz. Flat Mail | \$3.445 or \$3.698 | \$3.445 or \$3.698 |
| 10 oz. Flat Mail | \$3.745 or \$3.998 | \$3.745 or \$3.998 |
| 11 oz. Flat Mail | \$4.045 or \$4.298 | \$4.045 or \$4.298 |
| 12 oz. Flat Mail | \$4.345 or \$4.598 | \$4.345 or \$4.598 |
| 13 oz. Flat Mail | \$4.645 or \$4.898 | \$4.645 or \$4.898 |

Alternate Format Mail / Return Mail

| Description | Effective 07/13/25 | Proposed 01/18/26 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Flat Rate Envelopes | 10.10 | 11.95 |
| Legal Flat Rate Envelope | 10.40 | 12.25 |
| Padded Flat Rate Envelope | 10.85 | 12.95 |
| Small Flat Rate Box | 10.65 | 12.65 |
| Medium Flat Rate Boxes | 19.15 | 22.95 |
| Large Flat Rate Boxes | 26.30 | 31.50 |
| APO/FPO/DPO Large Flat Rate Box | 25.05 | 30.15 |

*The rate for flat mail is impacted by the number of mail pieces destined for a zip code area and whether the contents of the mail piece are hand inserted versus machine inserted.

Note: USPS uses 3 decimal points for all postal rates.

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| | <p>Additional Information</p> <p>After the January 18, 2026, postal rate change, the next change is expected to be in July 2026. Rate changes are expected to occur twice a year.</p> <p>County Actions</p> <p>Per [REDACTED] the postage account should initially be funded with an estimated three months of postage and be replenished monthly with no less than the actual postage used in the prior month. The amount of postage used, and the remaining balance are available to each county's designated contact via the Central Print Portal. A Central Print Customer Liaison is also available to assist with information on the current postage balance and replenishment needs.</p> <p>If you have questions on this CIT, please reach out to the Primary Contact and cc your Regional Managers.</p> |
| Primary Project Contact | Geoff Cosner CosnerG@CalSAWS.org |
| Backup Project Contact | Julie Holmes HolmesJ@CalSAWS.org |
| Attachments | N/A |
| Web Portal Link | <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>OR</p> <p>You may also retrieve the CIT document and attachments by following these steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Click on the CRFIs & CITs link at the top of the page.2. Click on the "CalSAWS Information Transmittal (CIT)" folder.3. Click on the "2026" folder.4. Click on the appropriate CIT # folder. |